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EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES
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Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the target fixed for creating additional employment opportunities during the Ninth Five Year Plan;

(b) whether the prescribed target has since been achieved;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether the Government propose to fix a target for creating additional employment opportunities during the Tenth Five Year Plan period; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR LABOUR & EMPLOYMENT (SHRI MUNI LALL)

a) No targets of job creation are fixed. However, the total work opportunities in the 9th Five Year Plan were projected to increase by about 5 crores.

b) As per the estimates of the National Sample Surveys conducted by the National Sample Survey Organisations (NSSO) or employment and unemployment, the total number of employed (work force) on Usual Principal and Subsidiary Status basis in the country has been estimated at 39.7 crores in 1999-2000 as against 37.4 crores in 1993-94.

c) One of the main reasons is that the economy did not grow at the desired rate.

d)& e) The Approach to the Tenth Five Year Plan has recognized the importance of providing gainful high quality employment to the additions to the labour force and it is listed as one of the monitorable objectives for the Tenth Plan and beyond. The growth strategy of Tenth Plan would lay emphasis on rapid growth of those sectors which are most likely to create high quality employment opportunities and deal with the policy constraints which discourage growth of employment. Particular attention will be paid to the policy environment influencing a wide range of economic activities which have a large employment potential. These include sectors such as construction, real estate and housing, transport, Small Scale Industry(SSI), modern retailing, Information Technology (IT) enabled services and a range of other new services which need to be promoted through supportive policies. Emphasis will also be laid on tourism to ensure realization of full potential of this activity. Employment Strategy in the Tenth Plan will focus on employment growth and on the qualitative aspects of employment. In order to enable the poor to access the opportunities and to ensure consistency between the requirement and availability of skills, emphasis will also be placed on skill development.